

Amendment of the Claims

The listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listing of the claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

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40. (Currently Amended) A method of preparing an electroluminescent device comprising sequentially a conductive substrate which acts as an anode, a layer of electroluminescent material comprising a lithium quinolate, and a metal contact connected to the lithium quinolate layer which metal contact acts as a cathode comprising:

reacting a lithium alkyl or lithium alkoxide with 8-hydroxy quinoline in a solvent comprising acetonitrile to form a blue-emissive lithium quinolate, and

depositing the formed lithium quinolate on the anode, ~~wherein the electroluminescent device emits light which is blue to the observer.~~

41. (Currently Amended) A lithium quinolate which is substituted or unsubstituted obtained by the reaction of a lithium alkyl or lithium alkoxide in a solvent comprising acetonitrile with an 8-hydroxy quinoline, the 8-hydroxy quinoline optionally having at least one substituent selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkoxy, aryl, aryloxy, sulphonic acid, ester, carboxylic acid, amino, amido, aromatic, polycyclic and heterocyclic; ~~wherein the incorporation of the lithium quinolate in an electroluminescent device results in emission of light from the electroluminescent device which is blue to the observer.~~

42. (Currently Amended) A method of making a lithium quinolate which is substituted or unsubstituted comprising:

reacting a lithium alkyl or lithium alkoxide in a solvent comprising acetonitrile with an 8-hydroxy quinoline, the 8-hydroxy quinoline optionally having at least one substituent selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkoxy, aryl, aryloxy, sulphonic acid, ester,

carboxylic acid, amino, amido, aromatic, polycyclic and heterocyclic, ~~wherein the incorporation of the lithium quinolate in an electroluminescent device results in emission of light from the electroluminescent device which is blue to the observer.~~

43. (New) A method of preparing an electroluminescent device according to claim 40 in which there is a layer of a hole transporting material on the substrate and the lithium quinolate is on the layer of the hole transporting material.

44. (New) A method of preparing an electroluminescent device according to claim 43 in which the hole transporting material comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of poly(vinylcarbazole), N,N'-diphenyl-N,N'-bis (3-methylphenyl)-1,1'-biphenyl-4,4'-diamine (TPD) and polyaniline.

45. (New) A method of preparing an electroluminescent device according to claim 40 in which the lithium quinolate is mixed with a polyolefin and the amount of lithium quinolate in the mixture is from 95% to 5% by weight of the mixture.

46. (New) A method of preparing an electroluminescent device according to claim 45 in which the amount of lithium quinolate is from 25 to 20% by weight of the mixture.

47. (New) A method of preparing an electroluminescent device according to claim 40 in which a hole transporting material is mixed with the lithium quinolate in a ratio of 5-95% by weight of the lithium quinolate to 95 to 5% by weight of the hole transporting material.

48. (New) A method of preparing an electroluminescent device according to claim 47 in which the hole transporting material is at least one selected from the group consisting

of poly(vinylcarbazole), N,N'-diphenyl-N,N'-bis (3-methylphenyl)-1,1'-biphenyl -4,4'-diamine (TPD) and polyaniline.

49. (New) A method of preparing an electroluminescent device according to claim 40 in which there is a layer of an electron injecting material between the cathode and the lithium quinolate layer.

50. (New) A method of preparing an electroluminescent device according to claim 43 in which there is a layer of an electron injecting material between the cathode and the lithium quinolate layer.

51. (New) A method of preparing an electroluminescent device according to claim 47 in which there is a layer of an electron injecting material between the cathode and the mixed lithium quinolate/hole transporting material layer.

52. (New) A method of preparing an electroluminescent device according to claim 40 in which there is an electron injecting material mixed with the lithium quinolate.

53. (New) A method of preparing an electroluminescent device according to claim 51 in which the electron injecting material comprises a different metal quinolate which will transport electrons when an electric current is passed through it.

54. (New) A method of preparing an electroluminescent device according to claim 52 in which the electron injecting material comprises a different metal quinolate which will transport electrons when an electric current is passed through it.

55. (New) A method of preparing an electroluminescent device according to claim 43 wherein the hole transporting material is a polyamine.